The Lexile Framework FAQ for Parents and Caregivers

What is a Lexile Level?:

The lexile measurement is an educational tool to help teachers and parents connect children with books. A Lexile measures a child's reading ability and text difficulty on the same scale. The Lexile Framework is not a reading program (like the Accelerated Reader) and it is not a test.

Why is my school giving me this information?:

Providing the Lexile measure on SOL grade reports will help parents to improve their child's reading skills. When parents are aware of their child's Lexile measure, they will be able to choose books that their child can read without frustration and still grow in their reading skills.

What do the numbers mean?

The Lexile scale begins at "below 200L" for beginning readers to 1700L for advanced readers.

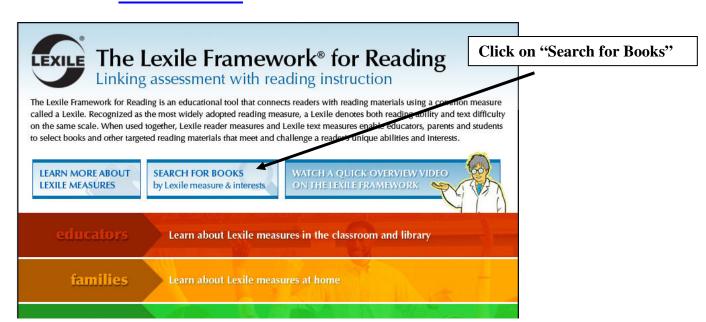
Which books should I choose?

The target books for a child should be 100L below their lexile level to 50L above. For example, if your child has an 800 lexile level good books will have a lexile range of 700L-850L.

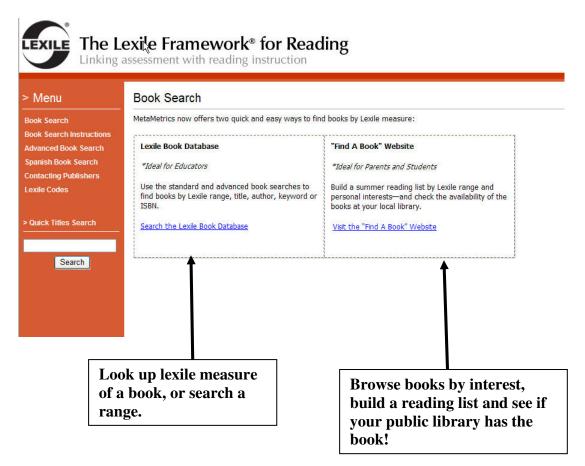
How do I know what the Lexile level of a book is?

Teachers and librarians have some resources to help you find the lexile level of books, but a good source to become familiar with is the Lexile Book Search tool.

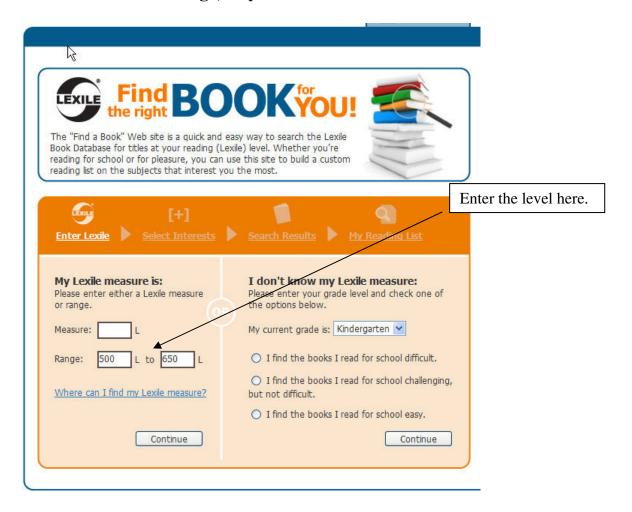
1. Go to www.lexile.com



2. In general, if you know the book you want to read, you can use the book database to just type in the title and find out the lexile level. If you want ideas on what to read, use the "Find a Book" website link in the right box.

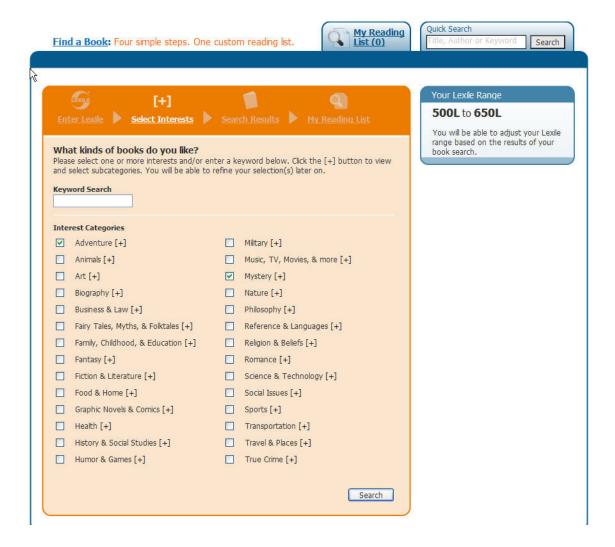


3. Enter the lexile range, or your child's lexile level



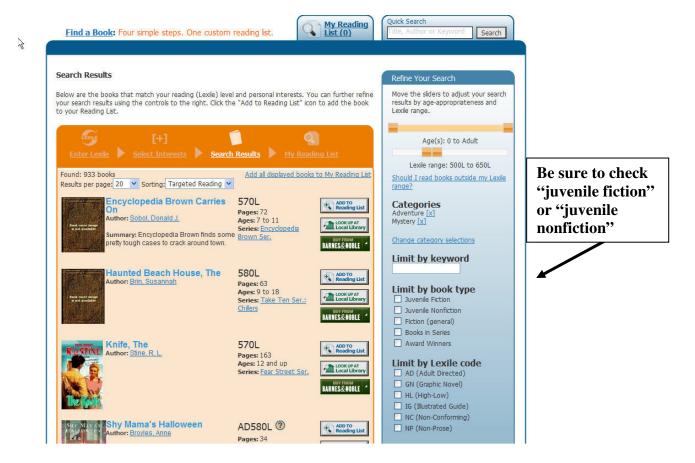
Remember that your child's lexile level is 100 below their score to 50 above. For example a child with a lexile score of 400, will have a range of 300L-450L.

4. Enter your child's interests



Simply check some of your child's interests or use the keyword search.

5. The following screen will give you a list of books and the "look it up" tab will tell you if your local library carries the book.



You will still need to check your library's catalog to see if the book is available or to place a hold.

Please Note: Only libraries that have their books cataloged through WorldCat will be listed using the "Look it up" button. Only 1/3 of the public libraries in Virginia have their books cataloged in WorldCat. Finding the books available at your library may require you to search the library catalog.

Are any of the books on the list right for my child?

No, the lexile measurement is just a tool, it does not measure age appropriateness or quality. Use your best judgement in choosing books, or ask your librarian for help.